

He was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Eighteenth Infantry on May 14, 1861, and served in the Tennessee and Mississippi campaigns with the Army of the Ohio. He was engaged in the pursuit of the Confederates to Baldwin Mountains in May, 1862, and received the brevet of Colonel for service during the siege of Corinth on May 17, 1862.

He participated in Gen. D.C. Buell's movement through Alabama and Tennessee to Louisville, Ky., in July and September, and also in Gen. Rosecrans's Tennessee Cumberland from November, 1862 to April, 1863.

He became Colonel of the Fifteenth Infantry on Jan. 21, 1863, and was brevetted Brigadier General on March 13, 1865, for service at Stone River.

After the war Gen. Shepherd was Superintendent of the recruiting service at Fort Adams, R.I. He was retired from the Army on Dec. 15, 1870.

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Hi. I sent you a copy and transcription of a letter written by Gen Oliver Shepherd last week. I found two obituaries for him, most likely from NY Times newspaper. Not sure but looking into it. I've attached them in this email for you because they mention Stones River. He sounds like a very interesting person and I hope to research his life a bit further in the near future. I'll keep you posted with any connections to Stones River. Tim Jacobs

PS - Gen O L Shepherd died most likely in NYC in 1896

## Obituary 1

### DEATH OF GEN. O. L. SHEPHERD

**The Old Army Veteran Passes Away at His Home in This City** Gen. Oliver Lathrop Shepherd, United States Army (retired) died at this home, 2013 Lexington Avenue, yesterday. He was born in Clifton Park, Saratoga County, N. Y., on Aug. 15, 1815.

Gen. Shepherd was graduated from West Point Academy in 1840, and was at once appointed to the Fourth Infantry as a Brevet Second Lieutenant. He was promoted to a Second Lieutenant in the Third Infantry Oct. 2, 1840.

He served in the Seminole war and became a First Lieutenant in the Third Infantry on Nov. 3, 1845. In the following year he was selected as Commissary of the supply train in its march from Corpus Christy to the Rio Grande. He served in the Mexican war with credit, receiving the brevet rank of Captain.

He was made a Brevet Major for gallantry at Chapultepec, and in 1847 he received the full rank of Captain. Later he served on the frontier, and when in command of Fort Defiance, New Mexico, he defended it against the Navajos in April, 1860.

Gen. Shepherd was afterward stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor. Later he commanded a battalion of the Third Infantry in the defense of Washington.